

PARTNERSHIP FARM
Kennedyville, Maryland
(ca 1875)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC COCHRAN FARM

AND/OR COMMON

Partnership Farm (preferred)

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER East side Rt. 448, one mile north of
Clevers CornersCITY, TOWN 1st
Kennedyville ☒ VICINITY OF Kent
STATE Maryland COUNTY**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME J. Horton Silcox

Telephone #: 301-348-5421

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Kennedyville ☐ VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
Maryland 21645**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 63

Folio #: 694

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE
Chestertown, Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	aluminum siding	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Silcox House is a central gable structure which is five bays wide, two bays deep, and two-and-one-half stories in height. It has a five-bay front porch and a rear ell. Stuccoed brick chimneys are enclosed in each gable and gable dormers project from the main house roof between the two end bays. The central gable is narrow--just over one bay wide--and has a small window with a pointed upper sash. The central entry door has a four-pane transom light and three-pane side light assembly with glass etched in an octagon and flower pattern. The door itself has round upper panels with bolelection moldings on all four-panels and a diamond-shaped extra molding applied to the panel fields.

In recent years the structure was covered with white aluminum siding and original decorative detail removed. The only sawn wooden ornament that remains is on the handsome front porch. Its five bays are arched with delicate scroll work and the chamfered columns rest on 18" bases.

Windows have very narrow two over two sash; no trim is visible and shutters are missing. There are also two over two sash in the dormers; in the attic gables are four-pane casement windows.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Its cornice and return overhang on all sides of the building and have an ogee crownmolding.

The rear ell is 27' long and 2½ stories tall with two gable dormers in each roof slope. Windows have six over six sash except the dormers which have two over two sash. There is a small shed porch and additions on the west side.

The interior stair is very handsome. Its newel and handrail are walnut, its bold turned balusters oak, and it is open to the attic. Interior doors have four panels with Grecian ogee and bevel moldings. On the first floor is one slate mantle and one simple wooden one; the second floor rooms have mantle shelves only.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT William R. Cochran

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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As noted above, the house was constructed for Bedford Roe; family legend holds that the first child born in this house was Clarence Roe who arrived in 1883 and was an uncle of the present owner. The name, Partnership, was first used in the 18th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Lake, Griffing & Stevenson. An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne (sic) Counties, Md. (Philadelphia: 27 South Sixth Street, 1877.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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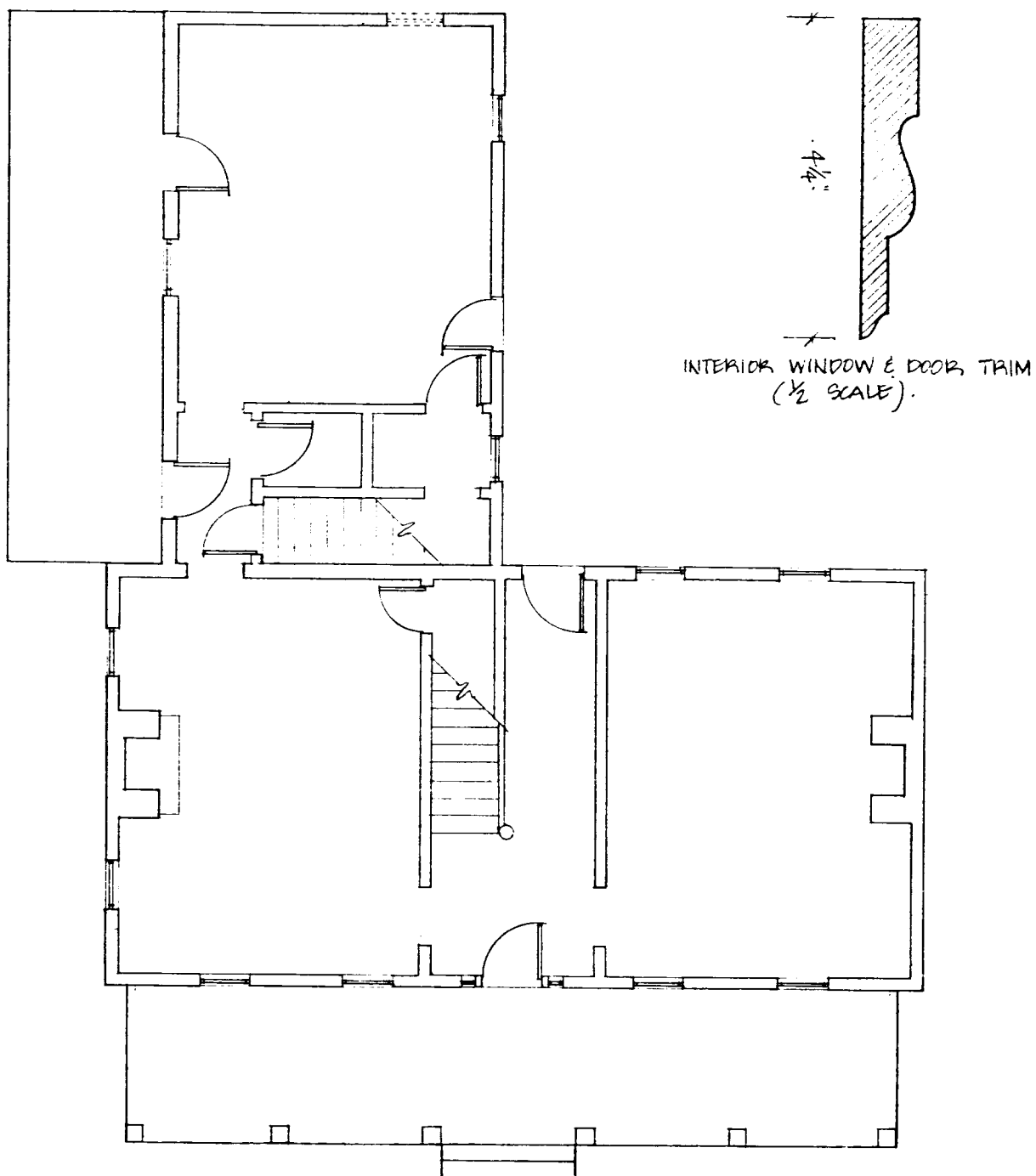
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

A floor plan of the building is included in this report.

The front yard has remnants of an alláy of trees which continues the alláy of the Cloverleaf Farm (K-375) across the road. The buildings are on axis with one another and very similiar in design. Both of these houses were constructed by members of the Cochran family for their tenants, Abner (K-375) and Bedford Roe.

Behind the house are several wooden barns which date to about 1900. There is also a true 1½ story frame house with two rooms on each floor, a winder stair, and a gable roof. The floor joists are hewn but the structure has no architectural significance. It is used now as a garage.

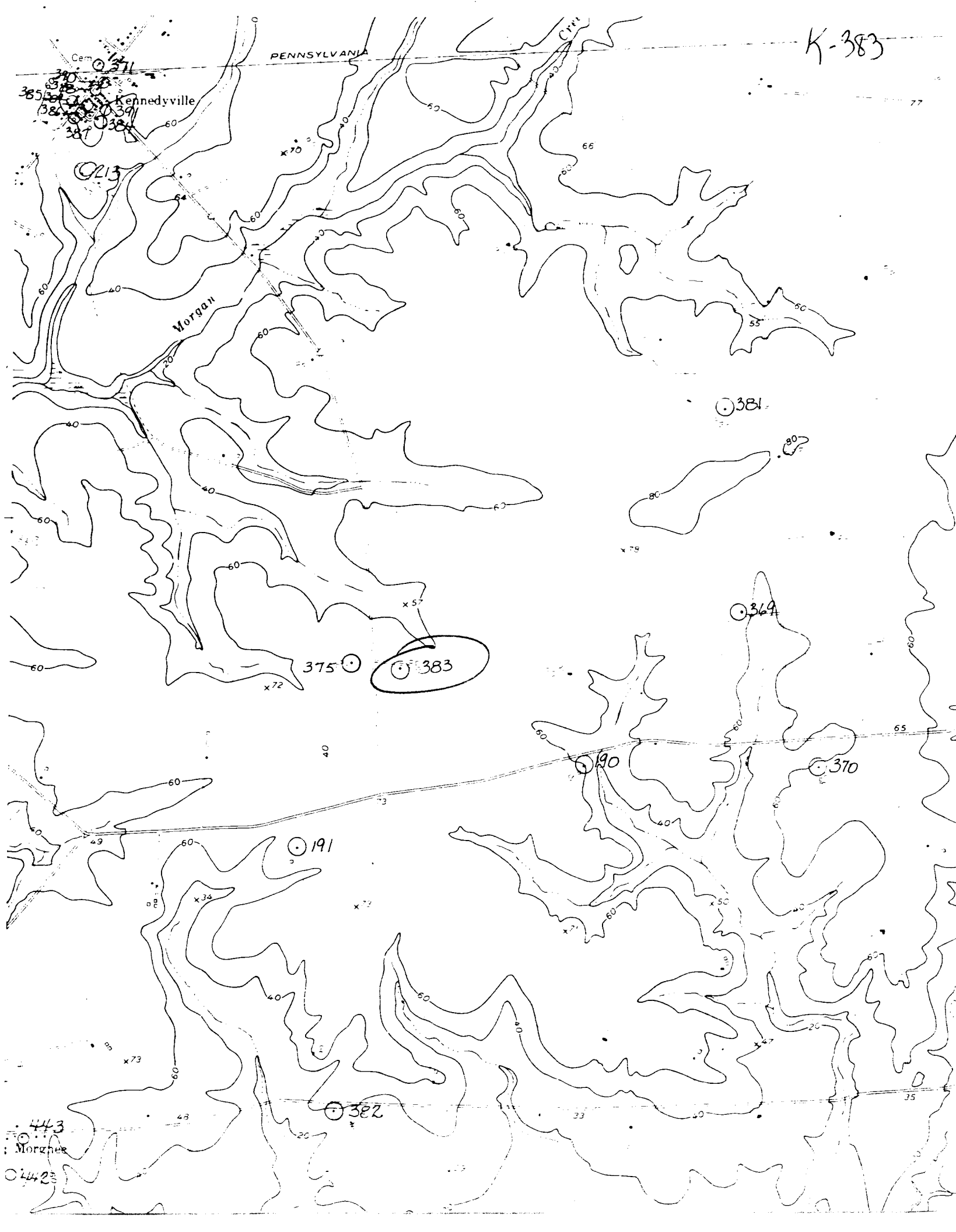
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KENNEDYVILLE, MD.
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'0".

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Partnership Farm

View to East

Kennedyville

Kent County

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